GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF COTTON YARN TO THE WEAVERS ON CONCESSIONAL RATES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide cotton yarn to handloom weavers in the country at concessional rates through State Handloom Development Corporation;

(b) if so, whether any other arrangement has been made for providing cotton yarn to handloom weavers;

(c) whether any complaints have been received about selling cotton yarn at concessional rates to powerloom sector instead of the handloom sector;

(d) if so, the number of complaints received during last three years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring that only handloom weavers get the benefit of concessional cotton yarn?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir; Government of India has been implementing a scheme for supply of Yarn including cotton yarn at Mill Gate Price to the handloom weavers/weavers` organizations at the price at which it is available at the Mill Gate.

(c) and (d) Under the scheme, the yarn is being supplied to handloom weavers` organizations/handloom weavers. However, there were 2 complaints about misuse of this yarn from Solapur in Maharashtra and Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh.The complaint about the misuse in Solapur was about some specific co-operative societies, and therefore, instructions were issued not to supply yarn to those societies. The complaint regarding Moradabad was not specifically about any particular organization. The yarn supply to societies at Moradabad had been made as per the recommendations of the State Government.Therefore, the State Government was requested to take suitable corrective measures to ensure that the yarn purchased under the scheme reached genuine handloom weavers only.

(e) The objective of the scheme is to supply yarn to genuine handloom weavers/weavers` organizations only. Prompt corrective action is taken if any misuse of this scheme is alleged.